



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude; and

**WHEREAS**, this week of November 8-12 we observe the 51st annual Veterans Day, and we in Tennessee hope to celebrate and honor our patriots who have fought to protect the democratic ideals that are the foundation of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's veteran population is approximately one-half million. Annually, The Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development (TWLWD) provides services to more than 31,000 veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, TDLWD offices serve as an outreach to veterans and ensure veterans' preference in referral to jobs and other services; and

**WHEREAS**, The state's local veterans staff specializes in matching employer needs with veterans making the transition from military to civilian work; and

**WHEREAS**, The TDLWD's one-on-one approach helps ensure a better job match for the Tennessee employer; and

**WHEREAS**, when you hire a veteran you get experience, good work skills, and a disciplined employee who has been a responsible military employee; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee veterans inspire new generations of Tennesseans to work hard and fight for the American way; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 8-12 as

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in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 11th day of October, 2004.

A blue ink signature of Phil Bredesen, written in a cursive style.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Riley C. Darrell, written in a cursive style.

Secretary of State